(*c*) whether the culvert between Mannancherry and Thanneermukkam is complete ; and

(*d*) if not, why it is not completed ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes, except for a length of 200 ft.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (a).

(*c*) No.

(*d*) Due to the failure of the contractor originally selected and consequent fresh arrangements that had to be made.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member how regular traffic is possible through a road with a culvert unfinished in the middle.

Mr. I. C. Chacko: No through traffic is possible there.

Mr. N. Narayana Kurup: May I know from the honourable member how the traffic can be possible without a culvert in the middle ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: That is why there is no through traffic now

Lane from Haripad leading to Elavanthara Puncha fields.

68. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup:** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a lane from Haripad leading to Elavanthara Puncha fields in Veeyapuram, Kartikapalliy;

(*b*) whether any private gentleman from Haripad had made any proposal to construct that Road at his cost in 1116, provided the Government acquire a few cents of land at his cost on the way and surrender the same to him ;

(*c*) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, whether the Government had sanctioned the proposal ;

(*d*) whether the Land Revenue Department had taken steps to acquire the necessary lands and fixed the valuation as per the proposal in (b) ;

(*e*) whether the P. W. Department had revalued it on a higher rate, and demanded the proposer to pay as per their valuation ;

(*f*) if the answer to part (e) is in the affirmative, what right has the P. W. D. to revalue and demand payment, superseding the valuation of the Land Revenue Department ;

(*g*) whether the P. W. D. had suggested any deviation against the proposal of the proposer ;

(*h*) if so, whether such a deviation is necessary for the improvement of the lane proposed and if necessary whether the Government have sanctioned it and agreed to acquire the lands for the deviation at their cost ; and

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(i) whether they will be pleased to place on the table a sketch of the proposed lane and the deviation suggested by the P. W. Department ?

Mr. I. C. Chacko : (a) Yes.
(b) Yes.
(c) Yes.
(d) Yes.
(e) No.
(f) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (e),
(g) No.
(h) Does not arise in view of the answer to part (g).
(i) A sketch is placed on the Secretary's table.

Standardisation of salaries.

69. ***Mr. N. Narayana Kurup :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether a general standardisation of salaries of Government servants was effected in 1935 ;

(b) whether any committee was then constituted to consider and make proposals for the revision of salaries of Government servants ;

(c) whether any officer of Government was specially appointed in connection with that standardisation ;

(d) whether the scales were revised in accordance with the proposals and recommendations, of the Committee or of the special Officer ;

(e) whether any revision was effectd against the recommendation of the Committee ;

(f) whether the scale of pay of any appointment was reduced as a result of the standardisation in 1935 ;

(g) whether those holding permanent appointment in the pre-standardisation scales were granted the corresponding revised scales as personal scales ;

(h) if the answer to part (g) is in the negative, whether any orders were given to absorb them in future vacancies in similar appointments on the corresponding revised scales ;

(i) whether the old scales were allowed to be continued as personal scales in respect of certain appointments ; and

(j) whether any consideration has been given to those on the old pre-standardisation scales of pay in formulating the recent revision of scales ?

Mr. S. Narayana Aiyar (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*) : (a) Yes.

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